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A WORD IN SEASON.

A Song of Autumn.

Ho! for the bending sheaves,
Ho! for the crimson leaves
Flaming in splendor!
Season of ripened gold,
Plenty in crib and fold,
Skies with depth untold,
Liquid and tender.

Far, like the smile of God,
See how the golden rod
Ripples and tosses!
Yonder, a crimson vine
Trails from a bearded pine,
Thin as a thread of wine
Staining the mosses.

Bright 'neath the morning blue
Sparkles the frosted dew,
Gem-like and starry.
Hark, how the partridge cock
Pipes to his scattered flock,
Mindful how swift the hawk
Darts on his quarry!

Autumn is here again—
Banners on hill and plain
Blazing and flying,

Hail to the amber morn,
Hail to the heaped-up corn,
Hail to the hunter's horn,
Swelling and dying!

—From "The Heart of Life," by
James Buckham.

OF VALUE TO HORSEMEN.

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An honorable man with limited ideas often sees through the rascality of the most cunning jobber.—Goethe.

WILL PANAMA DECLARE INDEPENDENCE?

What the Review of Reviews Said Just Before the Revolution.

For some time there have been rumors of a widespread desire on the part of the Isthmian people to cut loose and form a government of their own, largely upon the model of the Cuban republic, but having even closer relations than Cuba enjoys with the people and Government of the United States. Inasmuch as the permanent control of Panama by the politicians at the remote Colombian capital has now become wholly impracticable, it may be assumed that the movement for Panama independence affords the best solution of the situation. Such a step, promptly entered upon, might bring about the much-to-be desired stability of equilibrium at the isthmus that would alike benefit North America and South America, Europe and Asia. It would also, of course, greatly benefit Colombia since the prompt construction of the canal would do more than anything else to develop the trade and resources of the northern part of South America, and to bring about conditions that would make for enlightenment and political progress. It would be quite too much to expect that if the merchants, planters, and business men of the Panama strip should declare their independence, adopt a suitable constitution, and appeal to the United States for friendship and protection, they would be treated with disdain. Our government will no longer follow the plan of sending warships and landing marines on the isthmus with the object, while keeping the Panama Railroad open, of holding the situation for the benefit of the Colombian Government.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for November.

If I do what I may in earnest, I need not mourn if I work no great work on the earth. To help the growth of a thought that struggles toward the light; to brush with gentle hand the earth-stain from the white of one snow-drop—such be my ambition!—George MacDonald.

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